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Contract #: 04-0120F4Cty: SF/ALA Rte: 80 PM: 13.2/13.9File #: 1.28**WELDING INSPECTION REPORT****Resident Engineer:**Siegenthaler, Peter**Address:** 333 Burma Road**City:** Oakland, CA 94607**Report No:** WIR-022471**Date Inspected:** 06-Apr-2011**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure**OSM Arrival Time:** 700**Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**OSM Departure Time:** 1530**Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**Location:** Job Site

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| CWI Name: | William Sherwood and Fred Von Hoff | | | EWI Present: | Yes | No | |
| Inspected CWI report: | Yes | No | N/A | Rod Oven in Use: | Yes | No | N/A |
| Electrode to specification: | Yes | No | N/A | Weld Procedures Followed: | Yes | No | N/A |
| Qualified Welders: | Yes | No | N/A | Verified Joint Fit-up: | Yes | No | N/A |
| Approved Drawings: | Yes | No | N/A | Approved WPS: | Yes | No | N/A |
| | | | | Delayed / Cancelled: | Yes | No | N/A |
| Bridge No: | 34-0006 | | | Component: | Orthotropic Box Girder | | |

Summary of Items Observed:

Caltrans Office of Structural Material (OSM) Quality Assurance Inspector (QAI) Joselito Lizardo was present at the Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) job site as requested to perform observations on the welding of components for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Project.

At OBG 10E/11E LS1 longitudinal stiffener inside, QA randomly observed ABF welder Hua Qiang Hwang perform 3G (vertical) Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) complete joint penetration (CJP) welding root pass to cover pass on the stiffener splice butt joint. The stiffener plates being welded are made of high strength plate material HPS 485W and has a thickness of 30mm. The joint has a double V joint preparation that was welded from one side and after the completion from one side, to be back gouged; Non Destructive Testing (NDT) tested using Magnetic Particle Testing (MT) and back welded to the other side. The welder was noted using E9018H4R with 1/8" diameter electrode implementing Caltrans approved welding procedure specification (WPS) ABF-WPS-D1. 5-1012-3. The joint being welded was root welded using a ceramic backing. The splice joint was preheated to greater than 200 degrees Fahrenheit using Miller Proheat 35 Induction Heating System heater blanket located at the opposite side of the plate prior/during welding. The QA Inspector noted the ABF QC Fred Von Hoff was on site monitoring the in process preheats and welding parameters. During the shift, QA noted ABF QC Fred Von Hoff was closely monitoring the issuance of E9018H4R electrodes due to its limited exposure time allowed. At the end of the shift, cover pass welding was completed on one side of the plate and the welder has moved the heater blanket so he can weld the other side.

QA randomly observed ABF/JV qualified welders Rory Hogan (ID #3186) and Jeremy Dolman (ID #5042) perform CJP groove (splice) back welding fill pass on Orthotropic Box Girder (OBG) 9E/10E side plate 'E1'

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outside. The welder was observed welding in the 4G (overhead) position utilizing a dual shield Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW-G) with E71T-1M, 1/16" diameter wire electrode and implementing Caltrans approved Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) ABF-WPS-D15-3110-4. The welder was using a track mounted welder holder assembly that was remotely controlled. The joint being welded has the backing bar gouged using the Esab Plasma Arc machine and was ground smooth. The gouged and ground splice butt joint was also Non Destructive Testing (NDT) tested using the Magnetic Particle Testing (MT). The splice joint was preheated to greater than 150 degrees Fahrenheit using Miller Proheat 35 Induction Heating System located on top of the plate prior and maintained the preheat by moving the heater blankets on the side of the plate during welding. The vicinity was also properly protected from wind and other climatic changes. During welding, ABF Quality Control (QC) William Sherwood was noted monitoring the welding parameters of the welder. At the end of the shift, fill pass welding was still continuing and should remain tomorrow.

At OBG 10W/11W edge plate 'B' inside, QA randomly observed ABF/JV qualified welder Fred Kaddu ID # 2188 perform CJP groove welding repair. The welder was observed welding in the 3G (vertical) position utilizing Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) with 1/8" diameter E7018H4R electrode implementing welding procedure ABF-WPS-D15-1001-Repairs. The first time repair was located at Y dimension 660mm and was having a repair excavation dimension of 290mm long x 25mm wide x 17mm deep. The repair excavation was preheated to more than 140 degrees Fahrenheit using propane gas torch prior welding. During the shift, ABF QC William Sherwood was noted monitoring the welder. Prior welding, ABF QC William Sherwood was also observed performing Magnetic Particle Testing (MT) on the repair excavation. There was no defect noted during the test. At the end of the shift, welding repair at this location was completed and visually accepted by ABF QC.

At OBG 10W/11W edge plate 'F' inside, QA randomly observed ABF/JV qualified welder Jorge Lopez continuing to perform cover pass back welding on the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) splice butt joint. The welder was observed manually welding in the 3G (vertical) position utilizing a Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) with 1/8" diameter E7018H4R electrode and implementing Caltrans approved Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) ABF-WPS-D15-1040B. The joint being welded has a single V-groove butt joint with steel backing bar that has been removed and back gouged. The groove of the ground and gouged area of the backing bar was also tested using Magnetic Particle Testing (MT). During welding, ABF Quality Control (QC) William Sherwood was noted monitoring the welding parameters of the welder. During the shift, cover pass SMAW welding was completed and the welder has ground flush the weld cover reinforcement which was also completed at the end of the shift.

At the request of Quality Control Field Supervisor, Bonifacio Daquinag, QA has randomly verified the QC VT of the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) welding of four (4) lifting lug access hole to top deck plate butt joints. The QA verification was performed to verify that the welding and the VT inspection performed by the QC inspector meet the requirements of the contract documents. At the conclusion of the QA verification it appeared that the weld and the QC inspection complied with the contract documents.

1. OBG 7E-PP55-E4-#1 to 4 lifting lug access holes inside - QA VT verified

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Summary of Conversations:

No significant conversation occurred today.

Comments

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact SMR Nina Choy 510-385-5910, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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Quality Assurance Inspector

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QA Reviewer